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The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Ensuring a Strong Market for Ute Tribe Natural Gas Supplies

Dear Secretary Moniz:

On behalf of the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation (the Tribe), I am writing to you to urge your support for the pending application of Jordan Cove to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to countries that are not subject to Free Trade Agreements (FTA).

As you know, the Tribe is located in eastern Utah and is among the most prodigious Indian tribal producers of natural gas in the Rocky Mountain west. Without recourse to gaming and other forms of economic activity, the Tribe and its members are largely reliant on revenues generated from natural gas production. The Tribe provides key governmental services to its members including health care, housing, education, elder care, and law enforcement and other essential services, without which our citizens would be truly destitute.

In turn, the success of the Tribe's natural gas sector depends on vast gas gathering and delivery systems as well as industrial and residential consumers of this vital energy source. Increasingly, the Tribe is exploring untraditional markets for our natural gas products, including overseas markets. The Tribe is encouraged by the Department of Energy's approval of applications to export LNG from facilities on the Gulf of Mexico and the east coast, and strongly encourages you to similarly consider and approve applications to export LNG to non-FTA countries from

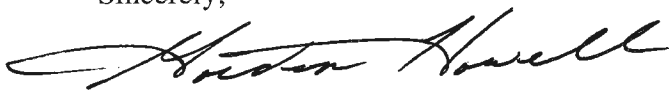
facilities on the west coast. Indeed, given our geographical proximity to the west coast, these facilities hold the promise of even greater access to international markets and a more profitable future.

West coast LNG export facilities, such as Jordan Cove, would help the Tribe and other Indian tribes and non-tribal producers access growing international markets in Asia, including the Japanese market which represents some thirty percent global LNG demand.

To ensure the Tribe and its members continue to enjoy the benefits of its natural gas activities, I respectfully ask you to approve Jordan Cove's application to export LNG to non-FTA countries.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Howell", written in a cursive style.

GORDON HOWELL  
Chairman

cc Hon. Sally Jewell  
Secretary of the Interior

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Hon. Orrin Hatch  
United States Senator

Hon. Mike Lee  
United States Senator

Hon. Rob Bishop  
U.S. House of Representatives